

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Merrill Hall Roof Restoration

LOCATION: Asilomar State Beach

COUNTY: Monterey

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Repair/restore failing roof of historic Merrill Hall at Asilomar State Beach to protect building from further water damage and improve structural integrity. Replace failing asphalt shingles with fire-rated wood shingles; repair deteriorated wood roof and window components with application of an epoxy system; replace flashing where necessary; replace non-contributing gutters with new copper gutters, downspouts, and associated drains. Remove damaged structural support trusses, reinforce with steel, then reinsert. Install roof diaphragm to increase seismic stability of structure. Project protects public safety and cultural resources and supports continued use and maintenance.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Monterey District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section:)
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 31 Section: 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of maintenance, repair, and restoration of historical resources, in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer.

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